

antibody directed against a serum protein. Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and recites that the anti-TNF-alpha polypeptide further comprises at least one single domain antibody directed against a serum protein in addition to the at least one anti-TNF-alpha single domain antibody.

It is the undersigned's understanding from speaking with the Examiner that Applicant should elect one each of the following types of sequences: (1) an anti-TNF-alpha single domain antibody sequence, (2) a sequence of a single domain antibody directed against a serum protein, and (3) a sequence that comprises an anti-TNF-alpha single domain antibody sequence and a sequence of a single domain antibody directed against a serum protein.

Restriction requirement

Therefore, to formally comply with the restriction requirement mailed August 28, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Group VI (SEQ ID NO:35) – Claims 1-13, 15, 16, 21 and 40 – drawn to anti-TNF polypeptides, with traverse.

Applicant traverses the requirement to elect a single sequence. The election of the sequence is made with traverse because certain claims are directed to polypeptides comprising at least one anti-TNF-alpha single domain antibody, which do not require another single domain antibody. Therefore, it is improper to require Applicant to select a sequence from among only SEQ ID NOs: 30-43 and 73-76, which are all sequences of polypeptides that include more than one single domain antibody.

Based on the undersigned's conversation with the Examiner, noted above, Applicant elects herewith three sequences. As an anti-TNF-alpha single domain antibody sequence, Applicant elects SEQ ID NO: 1. As a sequence of a single domain antibody directed against a serum protein, Applicant elects SEQ ID NO: 28. As a sequence that comprises an anti-TNF-alpha single domain antibody sequence and a sequence of a single domain antibody directed against a serum protein, Applicant elects SEQ ID NO: 35.

Of the claims indicated to be part of Groups I-XVIII, claims 1-8, 10-13, 15, 16, 21, and 40 read on the elected invention.


Species election requirement

It further is the undersigned's understanding from speaking with the Examiner that the species election requirements set forth on pages 4-7, for routes of administration and for disorders, are applicable only to Groups LV-LXXII, which are not elected for prosecution. Accordingly, Applicant has not elected a species.

Applicant's elections are made without prejudice to pursuing other inventions or species in additional applications.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check or credit card payment, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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